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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH WFC ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HARRY WALTERS

REF: ROME 1493; STATE 011147

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1. WALTERS CLAIMS THAT THERE IS ALMOST NO SUPPORT FOR  
SAYED MAREI CANDIDACY FOR RE-ELECTION AS WFC PRESIDENT, BUT

FEARS MAREI MAY YET WIN APPROVAL BECAUSE NO OTHER CANDIDATE  
HAS COME FORTH. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD TALK WITH  
YUGOSLAVS AND SWEDES ABOUT THEIR THOUGHTS CONCERNING  
PRESIDENT, VP AND RAPPORTEUR. SUGGEST FODAG TALK QUIETLY  
WITH THESE AND OTHER DELEGATIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE CANDIDATES.  
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2. WALTERS SAID HE CONSIDERS HIS COMMITMENT TO WFC  
COMPLETED AS OF JULY 1, 1977, THOUGH HE CLEARLY LEFT OPEN  
POSSIBILITY HE WOULD STAY ON IN THE RIGHT CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. WALTERS STATED HE DOES NOT PLAN TO CHANGE AGENDA FOR

THIRD SESSION DESPITE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN RECEIVED  
JANUARY REPRESENTATIVES CONSULTATION IN ROME. WALTERS FEELS

CONSTRAINED BY UNGA RESOLUTION TO GIVE SYMPATHETIC  
CONSIDERATION TO G-77 PROPOSALS ON TRADE AND INPUTS  
PRESENTED AT 1976 WFC SESSION. HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT A  
NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE JANUARY MEETING  
ACQUIESCED TO MODIFICATIONS BUT THEN LATER REPEATED THEIR  
INTEREST IN RETAINING PARTICULAR TOPICS, ESPECIALLY TRADE  
AND AGRICULTURAL INPUTS. EXPECT FODAG TO CONTINUE PRESSING  
FOR FOCUS ON AGENDA ITEM 5 AS OUTLINED STATE REFTEL.

4. WALTERS AGREED TO SEND PRELIMINARY DRAFTS OF  
SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTATION SOONEST. SUGGEST FODAG OFFER  
TO ASSIST IN FORWARDING THEM TO WASHINGTON.  
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